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NEWPORT RANKS AS EIGHTEENTH

Seventeen Towns in Eastern Grand Division Larger.

WHAT THE FIGURES SHOW

Coke County Population Shows Numerous Changes, Several Districts Having a Decrease—Largest Increase in Sixth.

The census figures just officially announced give the population of Coke county by districts and these figures will prove of interest to the general public. The figures show that in Coke county the trend of the population has been toward the city with Newport the objective point. The figures show a decline in population in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Ninth districts. The Sixth district, with a gain of over 500, led the districts in gains. Newport had a gain of over 300 within the corporation limits.

The official figures for Newport show 2,003 as was announced in THE NEWPORT PLAIN TALK several months ago.

The figures for Coke county by districts are as follows:

Dist.	1910	1900	1890
First.....	2,285	2,161	1,721
Second.....	2,139	2,008	2,007
Third.....	2,695	2,923	2,726
Fourth.....	1,793	1,809	1,674
Fifth.....	1,623	1,894	1,856
Sixth, including Newport town	3,714	3,222	1,955
Newport town.....	2,003	1,630	658
Seventh.....	868	749	902
Eighth.....	1,262	1,120	1,218
Ninth.....	3,050	3,267	2,475
Total.....	19,399	10,123	16,523

The census figures for East Tennessee are as follows:

PREFERRED DEATH TO STARVATION

Chicago Couple Administer Deadly Strychnine to Themselves and Children.

Chicago, Ill., April 25.—Fear of impending starvation caused a father and mother to administer strychnine to themselves and their two children both under four years of age Saturday. The mother, Mrs. Honore Dziurgot, and the older child, Joseph, are dead and the father and baby are in a hospital where it is believed both will recover.

Neighbors who heard moans coming from the Dziurgot cottage notified the police and found the women and boy dead and the others only partly conscious. Dziurgot tonight in the hospital told of the poverty which foiled his long illness and then related the desperate agreement with his wife that the two should poison themselves and their babies.

"With my last 25 cents," he said, "I bought the poison at a drug store. I took it home and my wife and I mixed it in the little milk we had left. The milk was the only food we had in the house. Some was given to the children, my wife drank some and I drank the remainder. There was not enough for me, or I would have died with my wife and my boy."

"I stayed with my sick wife until all my money was gone. I could get nothing to do and we did not want to live and see the little ones suffer. Today we decided it was no use to try any longer, and agreed it was better to die than to starve and see the children starve before our eyes."

Dziurgot became ill five weeks ago and was forced to leave his work. His resources were utterly exhausted and when he recovered his wife became ill, and the man could not leave her and the children. They occupied a cottage on the south side.

OFFERS OF MONEY FOR STATE'S USE

Bank and Individuals make Voluntary Tenders.—Blocking Board Majority

Nashville April 25.—Patriotism has come to the rescue of the state, which two members of the funding board have sought to hamper by refusing payment on interest coupons and for the support of charitable institutions.

How Gov. Hooper checkmated the scheme so far as the payment of the April coupons has already been told.

Now rather than permit the charitable institutions to suffer from this stand which many believed to be a strained interpretation of law and precedent, bank and individuals of the commonwealth are stepping into the breach.

A Chattanooga bank has already offered, by telephone, money to the state in quantities to pay any pressing claims which may arise. While the offer is patriotic, it is also based on the full belief of the directors that there is absolutely no risk in advancing money to the state for running expenses, and that is a safe business proposition.

Citizens of Columbia have also offered to aid in advance money for running expenses. The lack of an appropriation bill does not worry these gentlemen, who are anxious to outwit the plan of the comptroller and state treasurer.

With this good start, it is likely that other banks will take a hand by offering money to run state institutions which the majority of the funding board is hampering. If this keeps up far enough there will be a vying of banks to have a part in upholding the honor of the state, which is pledged to the maintenance of the charitable institutions within its borders.

Before the matter is concluded, it seems like the action of the two members of the funding board in tying up the funds may be a boomerang of very generous proportions.

Incidentally, it is possible that the patriotism of Tennessee's citizens and financial institutions in taking a hand at untangling knot might have a good effect on outside money centers when the matter of funding the bonds comes up in 1913. Or if carried far enough, there may be no need to go outside the state to float the bonds, and so "out of a bitter may come a sweet."

WEAVER MAKING GOOD WITH CHICAGO TEAM

Orie Weaver seems to have come in to his own and is making a great record with the Chicago cubs. He was sent in as relief pitcher at St. Louis the first of last week and saved the game for his team after St. Louis had started rally and on Sunday he pitched the entire game against St. Louis and gave up but two scratch hits, St. Louis not scoring.

GUESTS OF HONOR AT EASTER HOP

Misses Lucile and Elsie Robinson of this city were the guests of honor at an Easter hop given in Johnson City. The Johnson City Staff having the following comment on the affair:

"One of the notable social features of the past week was the Easter hop at the Hotel Pardue last Monday evening, honoring Misses Lucile and Elsie Robinson, of Newport, and Miss Margaret Summers, of Mooresburg. The large and spacious dining room of the hotel was put into excellent condition for the dance, and a more pleasant evening could hardly be anticipated, and those attending enjoyed one of the best dances ever given in Johnson City. Delightful refreshments were served during the evening, and the hotel management is to be given much credit for the manner and style in which the refreshments were served. A three-piece orchestra of unusual good talent furnished the music, and the dance was a great success in every respect."

BUSINESS MEN WANT EXPRESS OFFICE MOVED

For some time the business men of Newport have discussed the possibility of a change in the location of the local express office, complaining of the trouble necessary to reach the office for the transaction of business. Ladies find it practically impossible to reach the office as it is necessary to go through the freight warehouse in order to transact any business.

Tiring of this condition a petition was circulated Thursday by one of the business men, and practically every business man seen signed it, asking for the removal of the office to a more convenient place.

The petition circulated was as follows:

"Newport, Tenn., April 20, 1911.

"We the patrons of the Southern Express Co., realizing the inconvenience of the Express office at this place; the same being in the depot, and where it is always crowded, and inconvenient for the patrons; we respectfully ask that you place the Southern Express office on the Main street of our town, where the patrons of said office can conveniently get to

same. We the patrons of said office earnestly solicit this change:

Signed: W. B. Robinson, wholesale produce; Geo. F. Smith, druggist; Willis & LaRue, furniture dealers; M. A. Roadman, dry goods; J. M. Kyker & Son, Gents Furnishings; A. R. Blazer, John Taylor, H. M. Taylor, groceries; J. A. & F. M. Stokely, dry goods; G. W. Knisley, B. D. Jones & Son, dry goods; J. G. Allen & Son, dry goods; Geo. W. Gardner, Publisher; Newport Plain Talk, Taylor Grocery Co., Newport Mill Co., J. P. Hedrick, furniture; C. A. Roberson, J. R. Seehorn, Hardware; G. A. O'Neil, restaurant; Merchants and Planters Bank, Jno. M. Jones, I. S. Griffin, dry goods; Ruble Brothers, dry goods; Stokely, Jones & Co., Carl E. McNabb, Minnis Drug Co., Ed Robeson, Duncan & Greer, hardware; J. A. Susong, president First National Bank; M. M. Stokely, Oscar O'Neil, R. L. Talley, Talley Brother's & Co., clothiers; C. B. Mims, D. A. Mims, "Merchant," J. C. Mathes, & Co., wholesale poultry; C. L. Ottinger & Co., wholesale poultry; A. J. Brooks & Co., McMillin Brothers, dry goods.

PEOPLE TO VOTE ON BONDS FOR WATER

The polls will be open at the court house Saturday for the purpose of giving the people of Newport a chance to vote on the issuance of bonds to install a system of waterworks and a sewer in Newport. The officials have been named and the board of Aldermen have provided for the election and it is now up to the people.

This is the second election to be held in Newport on this question and on the first occasion the people were overwhelmingly in favor of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of installing the improvements but because of a flaw in the enabling act, the system was not installed two year ago, but on this occasion every precaution has been taken and the people will feel confident that the system will be installed if the voters show that such a thing as a more sanitary Newport is wanted, by casting their votes in favor of bonds, Saturday.

The ordinance provides that that the Dorich ballot shall be marked Bonds and No Bonds and all voters in favor of municipal owned waterworks will make an X opposite the term Bonds and those opposed to waterworks will make their mark opposite the words No Bonds.

From all indications the Bonds will be voted in by a big majority and it is predicted that there will not be fifty votes against waterworks.

LOCAL PIKE WORKMAN CONFESSES TO MURDER

English, April 25.—Cursing two negroes he had killed in Ohio, and calling to them in his deliriousness, a negro workman employed by the pike people working near here, died a few days ago without letting anyone know his name or from what place he had come.

The negro came here with the pike crew about three weeks ago and several days ago he was taken sick. He con-

tinued to grow worse and when it was seen that there was no chance of recovery he confessed that he was wanted in Ohio on the charge of murder. Later he constantly called to those he had killed, in one breath cursing them and in the other begging forgiveness, and with a curse on his lips he expired. A search of his clothing was made but no identification marks could be found and he was buried in the woods at Sardis by his fellow workmen.

REV. W. H. SMITH, PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN, IS DEAD

Morristown, Tenn., April 25.—Rev. William Harvey Smith, aged ninety-two, died at the home of Mayor and Mrs. E. M. Grant, in this city, Friday after a lingering illness of several weeks. The funeral services were held in the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

The deceased was the oldest Presbyterian minister in Tennessee. He is well known throughout the State and was loved and admired by hundreds of friends. He was the founder of the First Presbyterian church in this city, which was established in May, 1867.

William Harvey Smith was born on

October 27, 1819, near Knoxville, Tenn. He received his early education in the country schools and when twenty-three years of age, he entered Maryville college to study for the ministry.

In April, 1850, he was licensed to preach. After a trip through Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Texas, and before the time of railroads, he returned to East Tennessee to make his home. He married Miss Adaline McBeth in June, 1853, and located in Newport, Tenn., preaching for thirteen years to Pisgah and other nearby Presbyterian churches.

In 1858 he began serving the St. Paul (Continued on Page 6)

LITTLE DANGER FROM SMALLPOX

No New Cases During the Week and Only Four Cases Are in Town.

There are four or five cases of smallpox in Newport, the victims being Sheriff C. E. Dawson, John Cates, Oscar Cates and Bruce Shults. One other case, that of a child, may also be here, but other than this the threatened epidemic seems to have been nipped in the bud.

The situation here has been greatly exaggerated, and the country people have been greatly alarmed as the reports have it that there were from one to two hundred cases in the town.

The health authorities have placed the flags at Sheriff Dawson's residence in the front of the jail; at John Cates place and at the homes of Oscar Cates and Bruce Shults.

Only two of the cases are severe, that of Sheriff Dawson and Oscar Cates, and there is no great danger from smallpox in warm weather, and for this reason no danger of an epidemic is feared, and as no new cases have developed during the past week, the health authorities feel confident that they will be able to prevent a further spread of the disease.

CATON'S GROVE YOUTH SUICIDES

Eighteen-Year-Old Ollie Caton Ends Life Last Friday by Hanging.

Ollie Caton, aged about eighteen years, son of Greenbury Caton of near Caton's Grove, was found hanging in his father's barn last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The young man had never been in good health, but no difference was noted in his condition the day of the tragedy. He disappeared from the house some time during the afternoon and at 2 o'clock some member of the family found his body hanging to a rafter. It was seen that he had been dead for some time.

The funeral services were held Saturday and a large number of friends of the family attended.

WORKING FOR BAPTIST MISSIONARY BOARD

Rev. Marion Lee, well known Baptist divine of Del Rio was in Newport Monday. Rev. Mr. Lee has been appointed by the Baptist Board of Nashville to distribute literature and religious books in the bounds of the East Tennessee Association, and to preach in destitute places etc.

VIOLIN QUARTETTE ENTERTAINED

Newport people enjoyed a musical treat last Thursday night when Miss Amelia Burns of Knoxville presented her violin quartette to an enthusiastic audience. The young ladies composing the quartette, Misses Edith Lockhart, Reva Stewart, Louise Parrott and Effie Yeager gave a very delightful entertainment. All of the young ladies were well known here, Misses Parrott, Stewart and Lockhart having visited here several times. Mrs. Harry Milligan of Greeneville was the soloist and she was warmly congratulated for her part in the program, being forced to respond to numerous encores. Mrs. Milligan volunteered to come to Newport, when Miss Georgia Mooney found it impossible to make the trip a few days before the concert, and inasmuch as violin music was misplaced for the best part of the evening she saved the situation with her repertoire of songs. The concert was for the benefit of the First Baptist church and was a financial success.

Nathan Huff and Burnett Smith are back from a brief visit at Nashville.

EDWINA HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES

Two Entertainments Were Held Last Week.

BOTH WERE BIG SUCCESS

Large Crowds Gather at School and are Given Much to Applaud—Program is Announced for Close of Parrottsville School.

Edwina, April 24.—The school at this place closed Friday morning. The school exercises consisted of two entertainments, one Thursday night and one Friday night.

The entertainment Thursday night was made up with short dialogues, the first was "The Bootblack," a play given by the small boys. Next was "The Negro Stratagem," by stratagem the negro servant, Cupid, assisted the gruff old landlord's daughter to elope with her lover—Kenneth Hicks as cupid and Herbert Taylor as the landlord played their parts well. The last play of the evening was "The Yankee Peddler of Old Times in Virginia." Mr. Sam Sisk, who played the part of the peddler, kept the house in an uproar of laughter throughout the entire play. Mr. Maddron, who acted the part of Fuller, the owner of the celebrated race horse, Thunderbolt. Miss Lula Wood acted as Mariah, the daughter of Fuller, and Miss Glennie Brooks as the servant girl who fell in love with the Yankee Peddler, showed exceptional qualities as amateur actors. The last number on the program of the first evening was a song by Messrs. Sisk and Maddron which was received with much applause.

Friday evening's entertainment was more varied than the first evening. The first number on the program was a recitation by Herbert Taylor; the second number was an oration by A. E. Easterly, subject, "Man." The next was a short play, "Seeing Bosting;" after this play Mr. Samuel Sisk gave an original poem entitled "Gains" in the Edwina School." Mr. Sisk in this poem showed much ability as a poet. Then the audience was favored with a reading by Miss Gertrude Maloy, the title of her reading was Madappa, of the Forest Girl. Miss Maloy displayed exceptional qualities as a reader and we feel that she should develop these qualities. The next number was a drama, "Out in the Street;" this is an old play but a good one and each acted his part exceedingly well. Mr. Roy Mantooth and Miss Etta Bowman who played the leading role, have never taken part in a drama before and an old actor could not have done better. Miss Glennie Runnon who acted the part of Mrs. Bradford, was the star character of the play. She got so completely into the spirit of the play that she herself cried, one could see that her feelings were real and not a pretense. Mr. Carl McMahan, as Davis, displayed a mean look and a guilty conscience. Mr. Howard Runnon as Mat Davis, showed clearly the qualities of a reckless boy, but tender heart in dealing with a widow with a sick child. Mr. Cleo McNabb, as Pete, the negro servant, was not lacking in bringing out the humorous side. The next two numbers were a recitation by Miss Bernice Brooks and a declamation by Mr. Roy Mantooth. The last number was a song by Messrs. Sisk and Maddron.

The entertainments were highly enjoyed by all. The following we feel deserve special mention: Mr. Sam Sisk as the Yankee peddler and Miss Glennie Brooks as a servant girl who fell in love with the peddler; Mr. Oth Maddron as Fuller, Mr. Roy Mantooth and Miss Etta Bowman as Col. and Mrs. Wayne, and Miss Glennie Runnon as Mrs. Bradford. Music was furnished by Messrs. Odel and Allen.

Parrottsville Program. Parrottsville, April 24.—All is ready (Continued on Page 5)